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Bringing the County Closer to You!

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February 2, 2018

Upcounty Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, February 5   7:00pm-9:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Suite 1100
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Update on Germantown Master Plan --- Is it Becoming as Envisioned?"
Guests: Leslie Saville, Planner-Area 3, Planning Department
Roberto Duke, Planner-Area 3, Planning Department

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Inclement Weather Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions:

If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, BCC morning meetings are cancelled; if schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, BCC afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled; if schools are closed all day, all BCC meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Mobile Commuter Store at the Upcounty Regional Services Center
Monday, February 5   8:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, February 6   7:00am-3:00pm

Transit Services now has a "Mobile Commuter Store" that travels to certain sites around the county to make it more convenient for residents to purchase Ride On passes, and MARC train tickets. You can also purchase and add value to SmarTrip cards.   The Mobile Store also offers a broad range of services, including one-on-one assistance, transportation information, schedules and maps. Go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/index.html/index.html to find out where the bus will each week. The Mobile Store is open to the public.

You might remember that the Mobile Store was here last fall too. For more general information, read the **press release here**.

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Metro invites public to comment on FY2019 budget and capital investment

Metro is inviting the public to provide feedback on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget proposal focused on continued capital investment without raising fares or cutting service.   Comments will be provided to the Metro Board for consideration prior to adopting the budget. Although an open house has already been held, you can comment online by going to their website
https://www.wmata.com/about/news/012018-Metro-invites-public-to-comment-on-FY2019-budget.cfm

The public is encouraged to comment by 5:00pm on Monday, February 5, 2018.

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Metro Advises Customers of Parking Changes Effective February 5

Effective Monday, February 5, 2018, Metro will expand hours when parking fees are charged, lower parking fees at two stations as part of a pilot program, and begin charging higher fees for "non-riders" at additional stations. In addition, a $2 fee for Saturday parking will begin February 10. See details at
https://www.wmata.com/about/news/012018-Metro-advises-customers-0f-parking-changes-effective-February-5.cfm

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One More!
Public Forum on Next Year's Operating Budget for the County
Tuesday, February 6   7:00pm-8:30pm
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda
(This forum was rescheduled due to inclement weather.)

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is completing his annual budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Operating Budget priorities. Your feedback as a resident or business owner is crucial in helping the County Executive determine priorities. Mr. Leggett will announce his Recommended FY19 Operating Budget on March 15. After public hearings and committee work sessions, the County Council then approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov.

See more about the budget at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/
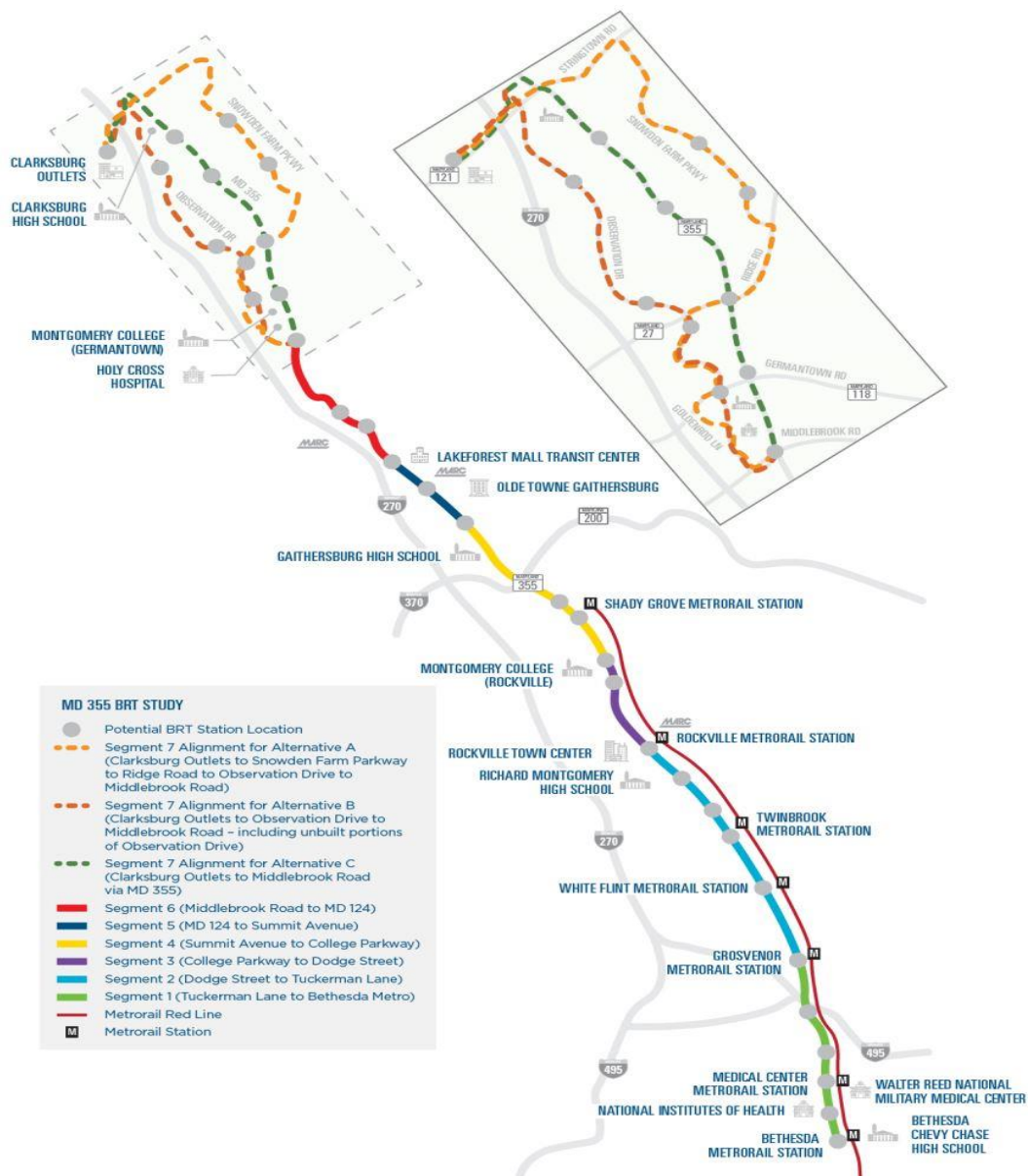
Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY19 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget19.

Download the presentation

<mark>Note: The County Council has scheduled public hearings on the proposed operating budget on April 10, 11 and 12, 2018. Their Committee worksessions will begin April 16, 2018.</mark>

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GetOnBoardBRT — MD 355
BUS RAPID TRANSIT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Open Houses - January/February

If you didn't make it to one of the recent open houses, you can still send your comments on the MD 355 Project. Go to http://getonboardbrt.com/contact/. Sign up for updates at *http://getonboardbrt.com/events/*

CLARKSBURG OUTLETS

CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE (GERMANTOWN)

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL

LAKEFOREST MALL TRANSIT CENTER

OLDE TOWNE GAITHERSBURG

GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

SHADY GROVE METRORAIL STATION

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE (ROCKVILLE)

ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

ROCKVILLE METRORAIL STATION

TWINBROOK METRORAIL STATION

WHITE FLINT METRORAIL STATION

GROSVENOR METRORAIL STATION

MEDICAL CENTER METRORAIL STATION

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER

BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

BETHESDA METRORAIL STATION

MD 355 BRT STUDY

- Potential BRT Station Location
- Segment 7 Alignment for Alternative A (Clarksburg Outlets to Snowden Farm Parkway to Ridge Road to Observation Drive to Middlebrook Road)
- Segment 7 Alignment for Alternative B (Clarksburg Outlets to Observation Drive to Middlebrook Road – including unbuilt portions of Observation Drive)
- Segment 7 Alignment for Alternative C (Clarksburg Outlets to Middlebrook Road via MD 355)
- Segment 6 (Middlebrook Road to MD 124)
- Segment 5 (MD 124 to Summit Avenue)
- Segment 4 (Summit Avenue to College Parkway)
- Segment 3 (College Parkway to Dodge Street)
- Segment 2 (Dodge Street to Tuckerman Lane)
- Segment 1 (Tuckerman Lane to Bethesda Metro)
- Metrorail Red Line
- M Metrorail Station

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Rustic Roads Advisory Committee
Applications are due February 7

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee, for one member who represents a civic association outside the Agricultural Reserve where there are rustic roads; one member who knows rural preservation techniques through practical experience and training; and one owner/operator of commercial farmland (earning 50 percent or more of their income from farming). **All members must be Montgomery County residents.**

The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee promotes public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and reviews and comments on: the classification of rustic roads, development proposals that affect rustic roads, and executive regulations and policies that may affect the Program. Read more and apply online.

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High Speed Rail Construction in MD May Not Be Far Away
http://governor.maryland.gov/2015/11/07/governor-larry-hogan-applauds-27-8-million-grant-for-scmaglev-in-maryland/

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Metro Invites Employers to Learn How to Save Money Through SmartBenefits
For information about SmartBenefits and the potential tax advantages visit wmata.com/SmartBenefits.

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TPB Awards $544,430 to MCDOT for Call-n-Ride Taxi Service That Provides Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) received $544,430 in federal funding from the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for its Call-n-Ride taxi service, which provides taxi trips for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities. The two-year grant will allow MCDOT to reduce the monthly co-pay for the lowest income Call-n-Ride participants, which comprise 85.7 percent of program users.   See more at
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21772

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Public Hearing
Supplemental Appropriation and Capital Budget Amendment for
Clarksburg Fire Station Project
February 13   1:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Sign up to testify by 5pm on 2/12/18

The appropriation would approve WSSC funding to fund the design and construction of sewer service in Clarksburg's Historic District that will serve the new Clarksburg Fire Station that is planned in the county's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Council's Public Safety Committee is expected to discuss the matter on February 26, 10:00am in the 7th floor Council Hearing Room.

To testify at a Council public hearing, please sign up online at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html or call 240-777-7803.

Dates and times can change, so please check the schedule to confirm at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html

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County Launches 50+ Volunteer Network

This unique new county initiative connects skilled volunteers with nonprofits and government agencies. Through personal consultations, the program effectively matches agencies needing specific assistance with skilled volunteers ages 50+ seeking purposeful opportunities. See more information for agencies. See more information for volunteers.   It focuses on leveraging the professional and personal skills of the rapidly growing 50+ population as a valuable resource for nonprofits and government agencies. Through personal consultations, the program effectively matches agencies needing specific assistance with skilled volunteers seeking purposeful opportunities.

The 50+ Volunteer Network actively recruits professionals who are retired or considering retirement, empty-nesters, and others aged 50 and older who want to make a significant contribution of time and talent to serve the community. Volunteer Center advisors will help them find an opportunity consistent with the individual volunteer's skills, interests, and availability. Staff will also work directly with nonprofit and government agencies to ascertain the types of volunteers and assignments that are the most valuable, as well as provide follow-up services.

 Anticipated opportunities include:

   • Ongoing, program management and support, such as editing a newsletter, providing administrative and client intake services, managing an event, or serving as a member of a board of directors

   • Short-term consulting projects, such as grant-writing, accounting, strategic planning, marketing, web design, or IT help

   • Direct services to clients in need, including tutoring or mentoring programs, teaching adult literacy, or providing career counseling to those in transition.

Unlike other programs and web-based services, the 50+ Volunteer Network is unique in its personal-matching services, the broad range of opportunities, targeted recruiting and outreach, and the free cost to any nonprofit or government agency that is registered with the Volunteer Center.

For more information, please go to www.montgomeryserves.org, email 50plus@montgomerycountymd.gov, or call 240-777-2600.

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Matching Mini-Grants Still Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is $1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. **Download the PDF** application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

See the application for more details and instructions.

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Public Libraries Offers Business Training Program for Childcare Providers
(a 3-part series)
March 3, April 7, May 5   10:30am-12:30pm
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Register here: http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventsignup.asp?ID=140012

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) and the Maryland Women's Business Center (MWBC) are teaming up to offer 3 free training sessions for daycare & childcare business owners in Montgomery County. Family daycare operators, daycare center directors, daycare business owners and anyone thinking about starting a childcare business is encouraged to attend. Participants will gain knowledge and strengthen skills in human resources, marketing, financial management, and business planning. The sessions are FREE, but registration is required. Meet in the Programming Room inside the lower level atrium of the library.
Part I: March 3 – Orientation
Part 2: April 7 – ABCs of Childcare
Part 3: May 5 – Confronting Business Challenges (New requirements, taxes, etc.)

Spanish:

Programa de capacitación empresarial para Proveedores de Guarderías; Marzo 3, Abril 7, Mayo 5; Biblioteca de Germantown
Se requiere registro. MCPL y el Centro de Negocios de Mujeres de Maryland (MWBC) se han unido para ofrecer 3 sesiones de capacitación gratuitas para propietarios de negocios de cuidado infantil y guarderías en el Condado de Montgomery. Invitamos a los proveedores de guarderías familiares, directores de guarderías, dueños de negocios de guarderías y cualquier persona que esté pensando en comenzar un negocio de cuidado de niños a asistir a estos cursos gratuitos. Los participantes obtendrán conocimiento y fortalecerán sus habilidades en recursos humanos, mercadeo, administración financiera y planificación comercial. Asista a cualquier número o todas las sesiones. Regístrese para cada programa por separado. Reúnase en la sala de programación dentro del atrio de la biblioteca de nivel inferior.

Marzo 3 de 2018 - Orientación sobre los recursos disponibles para abrir una guardería
Abril 7 de 2018 - ABC de Child Care
Mayo 5 de 2018: Enfrentando desafíos comerciales (nuevos requisitos, impuestos, etc.)

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We Invite You to Attend

FOURTH ANNUAL EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING

Presented by:

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice

Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith, MCPS

Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President of Montgomery College

How are budget decisions made?

What is the county doing today to get ready for FY19 and beyond?

What opportunities do residents have to influence budget decisions?

The Education Budget Meeting will be held throughout the county.

Dates and Locations:

February 21st: **Damascus High School**, Cafeteria **6:30 – 8:30 PM**

                          25921 Ridge Road, Damascus

February 28th: **Montgomery College, Rockville Campus**, (Theater Arts Building),

                          6:30- 8:30 PM 51 Mannakee St. Rockville, MD 20850

March 7th: **John F. Kennedy High School**, Cafeteria **6:30-8:30PM**

                          1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD

March 14th: **Robert Frost Middle School**, Cafeteria **6:30 – 8:30 PM**

                          9201 Scott Drive, Rockville, MD

March 19th: **White Oak Middle School**, Cafeteria **6:30 – 8:30PM**

                          12201 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring

For further information, please contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email
Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov

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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and his staff support Go Red for Women. Cardiovascular disease in the U.S. kill approximately one woman every 80 seconds. The good news is that 80 percent of cardiac events may be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Go Red For Women advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health

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MCPS Seeks Public Comments on Two School Site Recommendations

New Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School - MCPS staff recently formed a Site Selection Advisory Committee (SSAC) for the purpose of recommending a new elementary school site in the Clarksburg Cluster to the superintendent of schools. See presentation and report at MCPS' website Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School SSAC website

New Gaithersburg Cluster Elementary School - MCPS staff recently formed a Site Selection Advisory Committee (SSAC) for the purpose of recommending a new elementary school site in the Gaithersburg Cluster to the superintendent of schools. See presentation and report at MCPS' website Gaithersburg Cluster Elementary School SSAC website

MCPS will receive public comments in response to the reports from both Site Selection Advisory Committees. The superintendent of schools' recommendations will be released February 20, 2018. However, the public comment period will remain open until the Board of Education hearing which is scheduled for March 22, 2018.

Comments on either/both reports should be directed to:

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Rockville, MD 20850
Peter_J_Geiling@mcpsmd.org

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New Interactive Website Launched to Understand Demographics of Self-Sufficiency

A new interactive website will help government agencies, non-profit organizations, advocates and policy makers understand the demographics of county residents living below the self-sufficiency standard threshold. The self-sufficiency standard indicates the amount of money needed by a family or individual to live in the community without public or private assistance.

Created by CountyStat in collaboration with the Community Action Agency, the website integrates Montgomery County's Self-Sufficiency Standard 2016 data with population data from the American Community Survey. Among several features, CountyStat's interactive tool helps users navigate how much income is needed to support their families, which occupations are more likely to support their family type, and which parts of the County have lower average incomes.

Users can examine differences by family type, location within Montgomery County, and other demographics. The data shows Montgomery County has the highest cost of living in the state of Maryland, the most expensive housing, and the most expensive child care. While Montgomery County sets its own local minimum wage and some families access programs to support the costs of food, child care, and housing, many families still struggle to make ends meet.

A family of three with one adult, one preschooler and one school-age child would need an income of $86,580 to cover necessities such as housing, transportation and child care—more than four times the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three ($20, 780). Despite Montgomery County's higher minimum wage, a parent with two young children would need to work more than 155 hours per week at minimum wage to make ends meet.

The Community Action Agency designated a portion of its federal Community Services Block Grant to access research, graphics and a data set from the University of Washington's Center for Women's Welfare, building on Maryland's most recent 2016 Self-Sufficiency Standard report. CountyStat analysts then worked closely with Community Action Agency staff to develop the site. For more than 20 years, the Community Action Agency has worked with Dr. Diana Pearce of the University of Washington Center for Women's Welfare to periodically update the Self-Sufficiency Standard. Learn more about Montgomery's Interactive Self-Sufficiency Standard at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/communityaction. To view the interactive website, go to https://public.tableau.com/profile/countystat#!/vizhome/Self-SufficiencyStandard_FD3/Title .

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<h1 style="color:red; text-align:center">County Job Announcement</h1>

<h2 style="text-align:center"><u>Manager 1</u>
(Director, Community Use of Public Facilities)
$101,077 - $179,523</h2>

Montgomery County seeks a results-driven, collaborative, experienced leader to head the Office of Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF). CUPF is a dynamic and effective organization working to maximize the community's use of schools and other public facilities and to identify and facilitate activities and programs that respond to the community's needs.

This is a high level strategic and operations management position responsible for directing CUPF operations and serving in an Executive Secretary capacity to its governing board, the Interagency Coordinating Board (ICB), on policy-making initiatives. The Director works in collaboration and partnership with the ICB to maximize the community's use of schools and other public facilities for the delivery of communal activities and programs, and provides leadership and strategic planning for the CUPF operations across three offices, the Board of Education, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery College, and County departments which includes coordination with more than 5,000 user groups, 17,000 government facility units, 200 public schools, parks, libraries, and other County buildings. As such, the position directs an operations team of administrative professional in providing facility services for the strategic and effective execution of mission-critical programs.

To see more details about the duties and responsibilities, and to apply, visit the Office of Human Resources at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/   Click on "Search Jobs" under the featured sites. Create an account and submit your resume for **IRC29912**. EOE. M/F/H.

<p style="color:red; text-align:center; font-weight:bold">Recruitment for this position ends on February 20, 2018.</p>

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: **http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news**

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council **http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01**
Planning Board **http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases**

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library
Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp
Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html
Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html
Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org
Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org